

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A copper-based alloy containing at least 2.8 to 5.0 wt% of Sn, 0.4 to 3.0 wt% of Bi and satisfying $0 < \text{Se} \leq 0.35$ wt% to enable securing prescribed machinability and wholesome ness of a casting and exalt mechanical properties thereof.
2. (Original) A copper-based alloy according to claim 1, wherein it contains the Se of 0.2 wt% or less.
3. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy according to claim 1 or ~~claim 2~~, wherein it contains the Sn in a range of 3.5 to 4.5 wt%.
4. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein it further satisfies $0 < \text{P} < 0.5$ wt%.
5. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein it further contains Ni of 3.0 wt% or less.
6. (Original) A copper-based alloy containing at least Sn, Bi and Se and containing at least one non-solid solution substance formed of an alternative component for Pb in an amount of 1.0 vol% or more to enable suppression of occurrence of a casting defect.
7. (Original) A copper-based alloy according to claim 6, wherein it contains the at least one non-solid solution substance secured with Bi.
8. (Original) A copper-based alloy according to claim 6, wherein it contains the at least one non-solid solution substance secured with Bi and Se.

9. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy according to ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~
~~claim 6~~, wherein it contains the at least one non-solid solution substance of 4.90 vol% or less.

10. (Currently amended) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~~~claim 1~~ and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

11. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 2, wherein it contains the Sn in a range of 3.5 to 4.5 wt%.

12. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 2, wherein it further satisfies $0 < P < 0.5$ wt%.

13. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 3, wherein it further satisfies $0 < P < 0.5$ wt%.

14. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 2, wherein it further contains Ni of 3.0 wt% or less.

15. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 3, wherein it further contains Ni of 3.0 wt% or less.

16. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 4, wherein it further contains Ni of 3.0 wt% or less.

17. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 7, wherein it contains the at least one non-solid solution substance of 4.90 vol% or less.

18. (New) A copper-based alloy according to claim 8, wherein it contains the at least one non-solid solution substance of 4.90 vol% or less.

19. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 2 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
20. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 3 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
21. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 4 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
22. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 5 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
23. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 6 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
24. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 7 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
25. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 8 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.
26. (New) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 9 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.